

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements

Open Market

The following is conducted under authority granted by FAR 6.302-1 and is formatted as prescribed at FAR 6.303-2.

(1) Agency & Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs
National Acquisition Center
Facility Purchasing Support & Strategic National Stockpile Program
1st Avenue & 1 Block North of 22nd Street
Building 37, Track 2
Hines, IL 60141

(2) Action:

Other than full and open competition authorization for purchasing Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Dual Use Vehicle (DUV) Supply Kits

(3) Description:

Open market purchase of DUV Supply Kits. The value of the purchase is \$1,857,618.00.

(4) Statutory Authority:

41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1) authorizes, under defined conditions, contracting without providing for full and open competition.

(5) Nature of Acquisition:

VHA has a need to procure 322 DUV supply kits to equip each of its transport vehicles based in the contiguous United States. Each kit contains 119 unique items of various quantities for a total of 724 individual pieces per kit. These items include medical and non-medical items typically not sold together. In addition, the quantities required for some items are far smaller than what is sold on the commercial market. This item is not available on any Federal contract. Due to the specific quantities and sizes required, and after significant market research, only one vendor, VeriCor, was found to be able to supply the kits.

(6) Publication of Government Intent:

In accordance with FAR Part 5.203, a notice of intent to solicit was published on Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website 11/21/2014. No responses were received when it closed 12/9/2014.

Upon approval and award, this justification will also be published on FBO pursuant to FAR 5.203.

(7) Fair & Reasonable Pricing:

An Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) has been prepared and was compared to the contractor's price, in accordance with FAR 15.805-2. The price offered by VeriCor is lower than the IGCE. The quoted price offered by VeriCor is preliminarily considered to be fair and reasonable, pending final determination prior to award.

(8) Market Research:

Market research has been conducted for this open-market item. No other source has been found which supplies the product as it is presently required. No substitute items will suffice, or would be otherwise feasible.

(9) Other Facts Supporting Use of "Other Than Full and Open Competition":

Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

(10) A Listing of Sources:

While other vendors exist who can partially supply a DUV kit, only VeriCor can provide a complete kit.

(11) Actions to Overcome Barriers to Full & Open Competition in Future Procurements:

The only action that could be taken, to overcome other than full and open competition in future procurements, will be if the required contents of each DUV kit are modified, or if other companies were able to provide complete DUV kits.

(12) Certification:

I hereby certify that the forgoing justification and the supporting data (contracting officer's determination) for other than full and open competition is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



David Pawlowski, Contract Specialist
Business Resource Service, Facility Purchasing Support Division

9/29/2015

Date

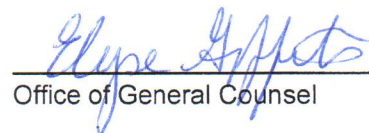


Steven R. Bense, Chief
Business Resource Service, Facility Purchasing Support Division

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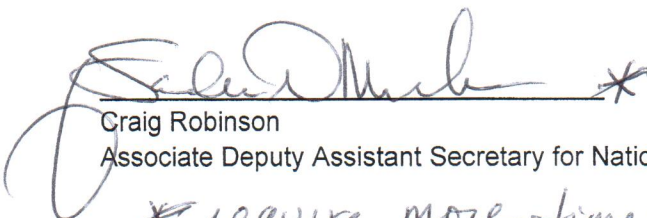
Reviewed and found legally sufficient by:



Office of General Counsel

11/4/2015

Date



Craig Robinson
Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for National Healthcare Acquisitions

11/5/2015

Date

* require more timely market research (per SBA findings)
to be performed before issuance of solicitation pkg.